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THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON IS WRITTEN

IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW, CHAPTER FIVE,

BEGINNING AT THE FIRST VERSE:
AND SEEING THE MULTITUDES, HE WENT UP INTO A MOUNTAIN:

AND WHEN HE WAS SET, HIS DISCIPLES CAME UNTO HIM:

AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND TAUGHT THEM, SAYING,

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT:

FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN;

FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK;

FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST

AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL:

FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART:

FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS:

FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED

FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE YE, WHEN MEN SHALL REVILE YOU,
AND PERSECUTE YOU, AND SHALL SAY ALL MANNER OF EVIL
AGAINST YOU FALSELY, FOR MY SAKE.

REJOICE, AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD;
FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN: FOR SO PERSECUTED THEY
THE PROPHETS WHICH WERE BEFORE YOU.
YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

BUT IF THE SALT HAVE LOST HIS SAVOUR,

WEREWITH SHALL IT BE SALTED?

IT IS THENCEFORTH GOOD FOR NOTHING, BUT TO BE CAST OUT,

AND TO BE TRODDEN UNDER FOOT OF MEN.
YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN.

NEITHER DO MEN LIGHT A CANDLE,

AND PUT IT UNDER A BUSHEL, BUT ON A CANDLESTICK;

AND IT GIVETH LIGHT UNTO ALL THAT ARE IN THE HOUSE.
LE  
T YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN,
THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS,
AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.
HERE ENDS THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.